New real estate tax withholding law affects waivers, rates

Assembly Bill 2065 expands tax withholding to all individuals who sell California real property, including California resident individuals.

The law does not provide waivers or reduced rate of withholding for sales with small taxable gains. Nor does the law grant a reduced rate of withholding or waiver when the estimated California income tax is significantly less than the statutory withholding amount.

Who is subject to the withholding? What are the exceptions? What if there are multiple sellers? Click here for answers to these and other frequently asked questions. www.ftb.ca.gov/geninfo/WSCS/FTB672qa.pdf

Look for new forms and an updated FTB Publication 1016, *Real Estate Withholding Guidelines*, on our Website in early January 2003. You will be able to find them at www.ftb.ca.gov/geninfo/WSCS/forms.html.